

Advertisements.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on **TUESDAY**, the 18th day of October, 1898, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,
T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 11th October, 1898.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lots.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Area.	Annual Rent.	Best Price.
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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA.

THE Company's steamship

"THE HONGKONG" will be despatched on a TUESDAY, the 17th instant, at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, SHANGHAI AND FOCHOW.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA.

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Intimation.



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AERATED WATERS.

AERATED WATERS of our manufacture are sold throughout the Far East and are invariably preferred on account of their excellence.

ABSOLUTE PURITY is guaranteed. The best materials only are used.

THE PRICES are only half those charged in England.

WATERS MANUFACTURED BY US are acknowledged by the leading English makers to be equal to those of their own production.

"SIR EDWARD FRANKLAND, K.C.B., D.S.C., F.R.S., &c. the greatest living authority on Water, reports as follows on the water as prepared and used by us in our manufacture:—

"It possesses an extremely high degree of organic purity and is of most excellent quality for drinking."

During the Summer Months, all AERATED WATERS should be kept in a cool place, preferably in an Ice Chest or REFRIGERATOR, until required for use. The Bottles should be stored with the necks downward so that the corks are covered by the water. This will prevent an escape of gas taking place and rendering the waters more or less flat.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

OWING to want of space we have been compelled to hold over a letter from "Small Colon" in regard to the nuisance of debased coins in Hongkong.

HAT-SNATCHING is reported to be a growing nuisance in Singapore; bicyclists being now the pet object of approach in view of head-gear degradation.

In our Correspondence column will be found an interesting letter from Hon. R. D. Ormsby, the Director of Public Works, referring to the "Victoria Jubilee Road."

DURING the week ending on 8th October one case of enteric fever was reported in the Colony. There were no other cases of communicable disease during that period.

It is reported, says the *Malay Mail*, that a very rich deposit of tin has been found on some land owned by Mr. Cheah Boon Tat at Puding Salak. Three layers of tin have been found at a depth of 13 feet.

SERGEANT Laury and four detectives raided a house in Nollah Lane at half past ten yesterday evening. Fourteen washermen were found to be gambling. The master was today fined \$75, the accountant \$15 and the rest \$2 each.

It is stated in Naval circles that the *Grafton* and *Raffles* are to winter at Wellesford and that the *Centurion* will winter here. It is also said that the *Undaunted* will not come to Hongkong for the conversion of her six-inch breech-loading guns into quick-firers until the end of the year. If it be true that we are shortly to see the Admiral, then the situation in the north cannot be looked upon as particularly grim by the authorities.

Thus the *Shanghai Daily Press* of 6th inst. says: "The idea is certainly gaining ground that the Emperor of China is still alive, and that the power for evil of the principal instigators of the recent *Coup d'Etat* is being curbed. Various rumors are current as to the Emperor's whereabouts, but now that the angry passions excited by the sudden events of the past three weeks are becoming calmer, it may be well to wait a little longer in hopes of something better turning up."

A BARRING theft was committed last night by the comrades of the *Hokan Maru*, a Japanese. It appears that Wong Choo Chai, a shopkeeper, entered No. 125 Queen's Road to change two \$100 notes which he had in his hand when the Japanese entered, snatched the notes and ran away. Wong gave chase and the impudent thief was eventually caught by a constable. At the Magistrate's today, the accused was sentenced to four months' imprisonment with hard labour.

SAYS the *New York Commercial Advertiser*:—"The reply of Mr. Wildman, the United States Minister to Manila, to the letter of the Philippine Commission, is a masterpiece of diplomacy. The American press has seen fit to credit him with Mr. Wildman's 'Trust to the honor and justice of the United States,' supplemented as his by 'I believe in you; do not disappoint me,' remarks the hope and expectation that political questions in the Philippines will, after all, be settled without serious friction between the United States and the insurgents, who have labored so diligently and really so skillfully in throwing off the Spanish yoke of oppression."

MR. GOODNOW, U.S. Consul General at Shanghai, has expressed his views on the Philippine question as follows:—"We should hold the Philippine Islands, the Caroline Islands, and the Ladrones Islands, also Cuba and Porto Rico. It does not matter whether we call them an indemnity or what. We need them in our business. You have no idea, and cannot have until you get out here, how all nations are fighting for trade, and what an intense jealousy there is of the United States. Just now the Continental Powers seem more jealous of us than ever. If we are to have anything to say, we must have a navy. To have a navy we must have coaling-stations. That means the Sandwich Islands and the Philippines."

THE POST OFFICE SCANDAL.

ACCUSED COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.
Cheong Tsang, the postman charged with unlawfully retaining letters, was committed for trial at the Magistrate's today, bail—\$1000. Mr. Bratton in his address on behalf of the defence said it was clear from the evidence of the Postmaster General and Mr. Solly that the defendant had charge of Chinese correspondence and that undelivered letters were returned to defendant who should hand them over to Mr. Solly. He urged that there was no criminal intent in defendant keeping the letters; they were not concealed but found in a drawer in constant use. If there was criminal intent defendant would have opened the letters and destroyed them. The letters were not properly directed and they were probably tendered to the addressees and refused. These letters might have been negligently taken to the defendant's room and forgotten. He asked the Court to say that there was no criminal intention. Sec. 25 of the Home Act applied to this case and the detention of the letters by the defendant was a default provided by law.

PHILIPPINE LEADERS WANT ANNEXATION.

Manila, Sept. 4th.
At a meeting yesterday of twenty leaders of the Philippines called to discuss the policy of these islands, eighteen of them were emphatically in favour of outright annexation to the United States and two were in favour of a republic. The general native opinion is that it is best to adopt the United States Constitution. Wildman's suggestion and offer liberal inducements to the independent factions to co-operate and to reward the services rendered—J. P. Call.

FIRE IN HONGKONG.

About 5.30 p.m. yesterday a fire broke out at No. 2 West Street, a paper and cracker shop. The Fire Brigade was promptly on the scene but in spite of their untiring exertions the whole house was consumed. It was not until 6.30 p.m. that the outbreak was got under, but this was not accomplished until the adjoining building, No. 344, Queen's Road Central was slightly damaged both by fire and water. The cause of the conflagration has not yet been ascertained. The theory is that some paper and candles got into contact with an oil stove—hence the outbreak. The premises were insured with Messrs. Reuter, Brocklebank & Co. for \$10,000.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The thirty-second ordinary meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held at the head office at noon today. Mr. J. Thurburn presided and there were also present Messrs. A. J. Raymond, A. Haupt and P. Sachse (Directors), W. H. Rey (Secretary), F. Stewart, G. de Champagne, Captain Burnie, G. T. Velich and another.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, I regret to say that the Chairman is unable to be present today. The report and statement of accounts have been in your hands for several days, and as you have doubtless carefully studied them, I will with your permission take them as read. To many of you, who have in former years become accustomed to the almost uninterrupted series of good reports with their liberal dividends and bonuses to shareholders and contributors, and often a substantial addition to Reserve, I fear the present statement of accounts must be disappointing. As stated in the report the unfavourable result is entirely due to the abnormal number of fine steamers in the Eastern trade which have been either totally wrecked or incurred serious casualties, in which the company has in the usual course of business, been more or less heavily interested and also to reductions in rates, which we do not in adequate but which at times we have to follow. The business has been working during the past year by the same managers and on the identical lines which in the past have produced such good results. Our experience is by no means exceptional, and some of you may have observed an interesting leading article that lately appeared in the *Economist* dealing with the present unsatisfactory position of Marine Insurance. A moderate increase in rates is undoubtedly needed and most eventually come about, though up to the present combined action has not been found practicable, except in the Australian Colonies, where tariffs have been formed and are working satisfactorily. Turning to the report itself, the Balance sheet and working account call for no special comment but with regard to the proposed dividend of \$100,000 from the outstanding claims amount to considerably less than the sum carried forward, but in view of the number of risks uninsured the Directors have deemed it prudent to make provision for any further losses which may occur. The present year follows twenty good ones and with a return to the normal rate of losses the Directors trust that future years may prove to be as profitable as the past ones. The current year has opened well, and though it is far too early to speak confidently of the prospects, the Directors venture to hope that when the next meeting you will be with a better report than the one which they regret it is their duty to present to you today. Our Mortgagees have been valued as usual by Messrs. Palmer and Turner and the properties continue to furnish ample security for the loans on them. Before formally moving the adoption of the report and a count I shall be pleased to reply to any questions that shareholders may wish to ask.

The Chairman—There being no questions I beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Stewart seconded.

Carried.

Mr. Champcar proposed and Capt. Burnie seconded the confirmation of the appointment of Messrs. P. Sachse and A. Haupt as Directors.

Carried.

Capt. Burnie proposed and Mr. Stewart seconded the re-election of Messrs. C. Brummann and P. Sachse as Directors.

Carried.

Capt. Burnie proposed the re-election of Messrs. T. Arnold and H. U. Jeffreys as auditors.

Carried.

Mr. Velich seconded.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants would be ready to-morrow.

CRICKET.

Q. KEN'S COLLEGE v. ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.
On Saturday last, a cricket match, between the Queens' College C. C. and the St. Joseph's C. C., was played at the Happy Valley, and resulted in a win by one run for Queens'. The following are the scores:—

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.	ST. JOSEPH'S.
C. Humphreys, c. G. Remedios, b. Pugh, 4	0
C. D. Silas, c. Costa, b. Pugh, 4	0
A. Loureiro, c. Melendreras, b. Remedios, 1	0
J. Segueira, c. b. Pugh, 4	0
C. Quincy, c. Pugh, 4	0
A. Ismail, c. V. Carvalho, b. Pugh, 2	0
D. Carvalho, b. Melendreras, 2	0
E. Remedios, c. Marques, b. Melendreras, 2	0
E. Ismail, b. Pugh, 6	0
A. R. Samy, not out, 0	0
Extras, 8	0
Total, 44	0

ST. JOSEPH'S.	QUEEN'S COLLEGE.
E. Pugh, b. Carvalho, 0	0
M. Haput, b. Remedios, 0	0
V. J. Carvalho, b. Remedios, 0	0
R. Martinez, b. Carvalho, 0	0
G. Remedios, c. Carvalho, b. Remedios, 0	0
H. Costa, run out, 0	0
M. Marques, b. Remedios, 0	0
C. C. Carvalho, b. Remedios, 0	0
A. C. Botelho, c. E. Humphreys, b. Carvalho, 0	0
J. Melendreras, not out, 0	0
Extras, 12	0
Total, 45	0

THE PEKING CRISIS.

We are indebted to the Correspondent in Peking who recently supplied us with a remarkably correct forecast of the events that immediately preceded the *Coup d'Etat* for the following interesting items:—

Peking, September 28th.
An imperial edict was published yesterday concerning Chang Yu-huan from any complicity in Kang Yu-well's Reform scheme. He has been removed from prison and is now detained in the Board of Punishments to await sentence. They are going to try him on the old charges. It is probable that he will be kept in custody until he has disgorged sufficient to satisfy the rapacity and brutality of those who will try him. If he had been a poor man his head would have been hung up over one of the gates of the city in a bawdy days ago.

Another high official named Hsu Tsue-ching has also been exonerated and is likewise awaiting sentence by the Board of Punishments. After Hsu was arrested and cast into prison his family had to pay \$50,000 to the prison officials in order to obtain access to him. A formal agreement was drawn up and a list prepared of the articles to be allowed in for Hsu's comfort. The family forgot to mention an opium pipe and it was stopped as not being in the agreement and another \$5,000 had to be paid to get the pipe in. This sum was paid, but when the whole opium smoking outfit (ray, lamp, &c.) was brought to the gaol the officials refused to pass it in because the agreement set forth that only one pipe should go in for 5,000 taels. Thereupon another thousand taels was demanded and paid, and then Hsu got his pipe and outfit.

Other six officials, members of the Reform Party and great friends of Kang Yu-well, were beheaded this afternoon. It is reported in Conservative circles, that Kang Yu-well planned a *Coup d'Etat*, his "plan of campaign" being nothing short of the assassination of the Emperor Dowager. It is

Auctions.

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